FRESH BRIEZES FROM THE BALL FIELD

Whisperings from the Wheel-Rail Shooting at Cut-Off-The Feet Runners-State Championship-Ruckerino's Speech and the Query Column.



HE gunners' halcyon days are almost due, in fact, in a measure, are already here, as the chicken shooting is at its height, and shooting par-

ties going and coming are of almost daily occurrence. The reports of incoming teal and yellow legs are making the sportsmon hustle for time, and all the indications point to much sport ahead. Nebraska is surely a favored state. Her resources and facilities for health prolonging pursuits are as innumerable as her superior attractions for the st ckmen and agricultur allats. There is no argument against the fact that field sports are healthful pleasures of the most pronounced kind, and Nebraska teems with these almost the entire year round. I know of no state where better chicken or quali shooting abounds or where there are better or more ducking or anipe founds. Beautiful lakes, environed by lies of reedy, rushy low land, make a veritable paradise for the wild fowl and snipe, and our bar-besprinkled rivers a favorit

Arthur J. Webb, a well posted sportsman and a fine all-round fellow, put in a half day near La Platte last week. He was after the nimble gray squirrel, and got him, too, twenty-three of him. Webb says they are very plentiful and that there is not half as danger in hunting them as ducks and snipe. Arthur never will forge that flock of steers he got tangled up with down at Percival a year ago.

Hon. John D. Platt of western Nebraska, formerly a government scout back in the days of the rampant Sioux, and now a big cattle man, was in the city several days last week. He says the game is scarce this fall out his way and he looks for a duli fall in a spirting way. The grouse and chicken have been driven off by the drought. Sicklebill curiew were plentiful during the sum-mer, but are gone now. Colonel Platt killed twenty-four in July with four shots. If reports are true, and I have every reason to believe they are, the colonel will take" partner home with him the next time he comes to the city. Here's to you, old man, I'll call round to the fall and knock over a ankagiving goose for you.

In a letter to the writer Sanford K. Brown of Jackson, Neb., says that there was an Omaha sportsman up in Burt county a few days ago in quest of upland plover. He was anxious to shoot Mr. Brown any kind of a match for a \$50-William. They didn't shoot, but I would advise the Omaha man to look a leetle oud. I have shot quait with Mr. Brown and there is no shot in the Gate City who has a cinch on any of his money when it comes to handling the hammerless.

My esteemed friends, Rob and John Patrick, and that enthusiastic sportsman, Mr. Fred Montmorency, went out after chicken on the 1st. They used up two days in the work, but report very few birds. They bagged twenty some and covered the same ground that two years ago would have yielded from 100 to 150 birds.

Captain Haskell of Whitman was in town the other day, having brought in with him eight carloads of cattle. He says the big nountain wolves are very numerous in hi locality and destroying more or less cattle every night. They are going to organize a big party of hunters soon for a regular wolf round-up and they hope to rid of the pests. The sporting editor rid of the pests. The sporting editor has

J. Shea of Council Bluffs has returned from a hunt up near Gordon. declares that they can all talk about the chicken as much as they like, but he only saw seven birds on the grounds where last year he averaged from thirty-five to forty a day.

Few people are aware that some of the finest rail shooting grounds in this part of the country are almost within the city limits. But it is a fact, and the city sports men are having some very fine early fall shooting at these toothsome little birds in the lakes and ponds in the East Omaha bo The marshes are full of them, and a fairly good shooter can bag a half hundred

f these birds in a few hours.

The species abounding here are the clapper rail or fresh water marsh hen, which is of the subfamily rallinae, and especially the genus rallus, a water rail or marsh hen Rails are a small marsh loving, wading bird, related to coots and gailinules. They live in marshes and low, wet places, and make their way through the mazes of reeds and rushes with great ease and celerity, the body being thin and compressed, and the legs long and stout. The king rail, or fresh water marsh hea, is R. elegans, and is one of

the American game fowl.

A number of sportsmen who are aware of

the existence of these little water fowl have

been making some great bags of them during the past week. At this season of the year they are quite tame, and are rolling in fat. With a small guage gun, and lightly leaded shells, a man can bag a couple of dozen rails inside of two hours and at the same enjoy some lively The marsh bens are vociferous feeders, and until the sun gets almost at its zenith they are busily engaged in gaining sustenance from around the roots of the cat-tails, flags and the water moss. Their shrill cries and chucklings fill a sportsman with visions of a delicious dinner, and with his waders he carefully makes his way through the rushes to some open place in the marsh and quietly awaits developments. In a few moments several of the bright-eved red breasted little fellows are seen cautiously peeping out of the rushes to see what has disturbed them. They grow bolder, and soon several of them are hard at work dipping under the water and around in the for food. A good shot presents itself. goes a No. 12 or 16, and over rolls the pretty little hens, while the others take a shor flight, presenting easy marks for the gun ner, and he has no trouble in bagging from two to five birds. In a few moments another bunch of birds come out and the sport is

Last Tuesday the writer enjoyed a fore noon's sport among these birds, and after a couple hours of hard work bagged eighteen of the birds. He was armed with a 22-calibration Ballard rifle, and for a while had the conceit completely taken out of him by missing one bird four times in succession. The fifth shot laid him out, and then it was found that every bullet had grazed the bird, but owing to its deceptive size, none of them had struck a vital place. After getting a mess of the birds, the hunter turned his attention to a big bunch of mud hens in the rushes, and for a time had considerable sport in making these imitation ducks seek shelter from the

continued until the hunter's desires are sat

isfied, or the birds quit feeding.

leaden pellets by diving repeatedly.

On Friday morning the writer, who in the meantime had become filled with a craving for another feast of marsh hens, sailled forth with his arsenal again, and not only bagged a baker's dozen of these birds, but killed four fine, fat, yellow-traged snipe, and a half dozen sandpipers. This might be termed pretty fair shooting with a small rifle, and is as good a bag as many of the "snatter gun" shooters make. Detective Dunn knocked over a fine bag of marsh hens one morning this week, and other sportsmen report good luck on brief hunting expeditions on both sides of the river. It is reported that small ducks are beginning to come in at Honey Creek lake, and some early shooting is being indulged in by the

Post-Season Games for Omaha.

President Rowe is completing a most at tractive schedule of post-season exhibition games, and it is a sure thing that some fine ball is to be seen at the Charles street park during October. Besides the six games

gotiations are in progress with the Chicago and St. Louis National league teams, and also with Minneapolis, Sloux City and Kan-sas City of the Western league. The Omaha toam, intact, will return to Omaha on the 24th, and remain here until the last

TO BUT THE STATE OF THE PERSON

TALK ABOUT YOUR BIG SCORES. The Niagaras Hold a Record Not Likely to

De Broken.

Henry Chadwick, the veteran, in a recent budget of gossip, says: A correspondent wrote me to knew what the highest score is that was ever made in a base ball match. The answer is 209. In these days of splendid fielding games, marked by single figure scores, the boys who read of runs in a game being made by the hundred wonder how it could be done. The task was a very easy one, when it is considered that the pitching was simply tossing the ball to the bat, for one thing, and that the ball played with was nearly ten inches in circumference and had two and a half ounces of rubber in its composition. The match in question was played in Buffalo on June 8, 1869, and the contestants were the Niagara club nine and the unpracticed local amateur nine of the Columbia club. The former scored 209 runs to the latter's 19. Two of the Niagara club's batsmen made 25 runs each, and 13 of these 50 runs were home runs. What "splendid batting" it must have been. The Ningaras began the game with a score of 40 runs in their first inning, and they finished up with 58 runs in their eighth and 19 in their ninth It was a regular pedestrian go-as-you-please match at base ball. A Buffalo paper, in com-

menting on the game, said:
"We are inclined in base ball matters to reason logically. For instance, the Red Stockings heat the Niagaras by a score of 42 to 6, or 7 to 1. The fair inference is, if the Cincinnatians had played the Columbias, the score would have been 1,463 to 1 or 2."

Another game of the same kind, played the following year took played. the following year, took place at Memphis between the Bluff City nine and the professional team of Chicago, the score of which

was as follows:
Chicago ... 7 27 14 0 1 35 34 16 23—157
Bluff City ... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
To call thes affairs good batting games is a misnomer. Let any of the muscular players get a pitcher to toss fair balls to them, and let them get a lively clastic ball to bat with, and they can readily run up large scores. When you see two first class nines playing a game together marked by single figure scores, then there is a chance of seeing good batting against skillful pitching and sharp fielding. "Muffin" batsmen can easily make long hits and home runs against poor pitching and worse fielding, and that is what they generally had in the so-called "good old days" of the game

For the Championship of the State. Out on the grounds Thursday last, just after the game, Pa and Bucker no got into a rather incandescent argument over the relative merits of their respective teams. Both were hot because they did not win the series. The fact that they broke even seemed to furnish no solace for either. "If it hadn't been for this eigar box you've made us play in," yelped Buck, "you'd never won a game-we would have made it eighteen straight, see!"

"You talk like a monkey," retorted Pa, and his back humped up a notch or two. "If we hadn't had trouble in our ranks at critical times during the season you fellows would all be at your trade again-cutting corn. De empire robbed us of no less than four games on your grounds, and the two you won here was on account of our crip-'Have you any stuff?" inquired Buckering.

"Got three men cutting off coupons down at the Omaha Commercial bank every day," retorted Pa. "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do," said

Hiram, fastening the index finger of his right hand in Pa's buttonhole. "What?" queried Papa. "Til bet you \$200 that we can beat you n a series of six games after the cham-

pionship season is over, for the champion ship of the state, three to be played here and three in Lincoln." "You can't put up too quick."
"A \$50 forfeit will answer at present, won't it?"

"Cert." "Well, here's mine," and Buckerino planked down his half century, which was promptly covered by Pa, the sporting editor holding the stakes.

'Now." said Pa "all we've got to

agree on an umpire and the dates." "That's all," replied Hiram. "And we can do that after we get home

So the old saw about its being an ill wind that blows nobody any good has again been exemplified—by reason of the tie on the championship series we are to have six more games between these inveterate rivals, six more games for the cham cart wheels. This is news that will greted with delight by all the fans, as the battle for the pennant won't be in it with this strife for the championship of

And maybe Buckerino and Pa arn't a

couple of astute birds. Something About the Umpire. The umpire question has been the allabsorbing one in the Western association this year, notwithstanding that this august personage receives as much money for his work and more than many of the best players. Of all the many trial horses we have had here this summer, not one, except Jack Haskell, has given satisfaction, and he has invariably given Omaha the worst of it. Not intentionally, probably, but in his intense desire to give the opposing teams no grounds for a claim that he was partial. Yet he is the making of a superb man, and is yet destined for the big league. What a preposterous piece of business on the part of the eastern press to charge President Rowe with intermeddling with the umpire in the interests of the home team. Next to Haskell came Ward, who was eminently satisfactory at first, fairly good later, but finally fairly exasperating. Cline we never saw much of, but what we did see supplied an elegant sufficiency, and there has been no sighing here for him any time since. But it has not been Omaha who has done the kicking and complaining. She has been freer from this than any city in the ciruit. Every one of the eastern towns has ung, and they still keep on singing their tales of woe. Reedy took a game away from Omaha, then apologized, and so did Need-ham. However, I do not believe there has been any dishonest umpiring. The one word, incompetency, tells the story. Most of them have simply bent forward, peered intently into space, then guessed at balls and strikes, while on the bases the team who got the most jaws to work, generally got the decision. Notwithstanding these minor drawbacks, the association has been the model minor base ball organization of the country, not only for this year, but in the

history of the game. Buckerino Makes a Speech.

Buck Ebright says that the reason Omaha stands at the head of the batting list is on account of our short right and left field fences. A solid punch any time sends the sphere over either one or the other, according to Buckerino, and that, too, when these hits would be sure outs at Lincoln. There is so much crampedness about the whole garden that a man whose guessing tank is in good order does not have to be told that the painted post on one hand and the barn on the other are for the guidance of the "empire" in determining what are two-baggers had been played on our grounds," and Buckerino crossed his heart, "we'd wan every bloody one of them. Why I have seen the most ridiculous kind of hits pop over the fence, and any sor, of a decent drive always bangs up against the fence and bounds back, making a two-bagger out of what could not possibly be stretched into more than a single. And more than this, hits that on our grounds would count for homers or three-baggers are by the same reason cut down here to singles. Now, our grounds are the right kind of grounds. Our fielders do not tramp on each other's corns in trying to get around, as they do here. Why, in one game we lost here there were no less than thirteen bails histed over

with Lincoln for the state championship, ne-gotiations are in progress with the Chicago and St. Louis National league teams, and g average. But do not think I mean disparage your team, it is an average sort of a country nine, made up of good fellows, and I like every one of them—especially when I get them on my grounds."

For Money, Marbies or Chalk. OMAHA, Sept. 8 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: During the summer while I was injured and unable to run a sprinter by name of Ed Powell of South Omaha was blowing around how easy it was to beat me and in some cases I understand he said he did beat me. He never beat me, and if he thinks I am easy he can have a race for all the money he wants or for fun. I will run him 100 yards, pistol shot start, for \$25 up. I understand he has plenty backing in South Let them post it with Sandy Gris wold of The Bee, the latter also to chose the pistol firers. If Powell can't find \$25 backing I'll go out to the fair grounds any time and run him for fun, just to let him see how easy I am. FRANK SULLIVAN. easy I am.

Copple Has a Job on Hand.

W. D. Copple, the famous Bancroft sprinter, has got a big race on hand. He is matched with T. C. Morris, the California wonder, in a 100-yard race for \$1,000 a side, the race to come off at Los Angeles, October 1. Copple is very confident, and, together with Ed Toll, his trainer, will leave for the

Chat with the Ball Players.



champions at the end of the baseball season in the three leagues is the ques-(A) tion that is agitating the ball cranks at the present writing. The Western association is by far the prettlest race and has been since the start of the sen-

a good guesser to name the winner even at this late day. They have thirteen games to play, which makes it possible for any of the six top clubs to win, a state of affairs that has never happened in baseball since the game started. Rock Island has a trifle the est of it, as they are at home until the end of the season, but the crippling of one or more of her players means disaster. Omaha starts away from home not in as good shape as was hoped she would, with small likelihood of getting any good player to join at this late date, as no player likes to be reserved so close to the end of the season. The National league has been the greatest success financially in the east in its history, proving that winning ball always pays, no matter what condition the country is in. In all the years past in the league the race has always dwindled down to a sure thing for one club before this time, or at least to two This was so when Chicago and New York had such a fight in 1885, the three last games deciding the pennant. This year Baltimore leads by a small margin, prospects, as they are all good travelers, they have been lucky in not getting their players hurt, but their pitchers are not as strong as some others. Can they win it? York on their last trip west were the most successful and since then have played wonderful ball from a pitcher's standpoint Rusie and Meekin doing all the work until the game was won, then using German and Clark, which shows Manager Ward's head. If New York can come anywhere near duplicating her last western trip nothing can stop them from winning the pennant. Bos-ton stands the poorest show of any of the three clubs, as their pitchers have not been steady winners this year and the other clubs are well up to their tricky playing. Boston lost when the bunt was taken away from her. Philadelphia is in the game yet and may take the place of one of the above. Brooklyn cannot reach the top, neither can Cleveland, but the latter may spoil the aspirations of any of the leaders. The race is a wonderful one The Western league has not been so interesting, as Sioux City got such a lead early in the season and will hardly be headed, as they are great people away from home, while Kansas City and Minneapolis are not. The Minnies have an advantage at home on account of the small grounds. They are smaller to name all the winners of the three leagues. The Rourkes rank first in batting and fifth

Old Cy Duryea is playing right field for the Allentowns in the Eastern. Cleveland is banking on New York loosen-

ing up and giving her Dad Clarke. In the east they call Bert Inks, who firs came into prominence here, "Captain Jinks." Pedroes seems to be putting up a gilt sort of ball, both in the field and at bat, for Buckerino.

Colonel Fisherty, late of Cleveland and spoken for by President Rowe, has gone and joined the Milwaukees. Jimmy Canavan has fallen down in his

batting for Cincinnati lately, but he has been doing some great fielding. St. Joe did not get Mike Kelly after all. They made a good bid for him, but the only considered the playing season too near

Eddie Eiteljorg, once the pride and hope of Omaha, has been resurrected and is pitch-ing good ball for the swamp angels up in It is whispered about that Bobby Langs

that Bob again joins the team this week If Omaha cannot reach the pennant it i devout wish of the Omaha crank that

Lincoln-despite all alleged prejudice-may secure the plum. Grace Pearce, the old-time umpire and a close friend of the sporting editor's back in the 70's, died in a New York hospital on-

day last week. Owing to the long stretch of beautiful weather that is yet to come the Omaha cranks cannot realize that the championshi season is over here.

There is such a thing as making too much of a ball player by both public and manage ment, as was fully exemplified in Lily Langs ford's case last week. In a game between Minneapolis and In-

dianapolis the other day fifty-eight hits and fifty-six runs were made—the hitting and run-getting record of the year. It is quite probable that both the Chicago and St. Louis National league teams will be seen here in conflict with the Rourkes

during the month of October. The Johnson Brothers grocery team, Leav aworth and Park avenue, played a remark able game a few days since, shutting out the strong City Steams without a run.

In the last seven games on the hom grounds Hutchison played the greatest field ing game of any man in the team, besides doing a whole lot of timely batting.

In the two Decoration day games at Balti more Joe Kelley, the ex-Omahog, was only at the bat nine times, and he made r hits, including a triple and four doubles. The Boston Herald says that there is novement among the more respectable ball players to have men of the Pat Tebeau stripe barred from the game. Can it be

The Western association has nearly \$5,000 in its treasury, and expects to swell this considerably yet. This is certainly a good endorsement of President Rowe's adminis-

Captain Jimmy Manning of the Cowboys says this is his last season on the diamond. Ren Mulford, however, says the genial Jeems is good for at least a half dozen more Ren Mulford. farewells.

Omaha, without a doubt, has the strongest pitching corps in Abbey, Clausen and White-hill in the Western association. And in Billy Moran she has a catcher as good as

Jasper Johnson's pitching wing is very sore and he is not likely to be of much service to the Lincolns for some days to come. In form, he is the best kind of a man to have on hand.

Big McVey, captain of the Rourkes, will winter in Omaha. Just before leaving for the east Thursday he entered into a contract with Tom Foley to take charge of the Phoenix billiard pariors. Captain Larry Twitchell, who was one of

souted with a handsome gold medal at Mil-waukee the other day for being the best all around player on the team.

The last game of the season with Hiram Ebright's bright young larmers on Thursday last was the grandeat, completest victory of the year. It has left the army of fans in a state of beatitude hard to describe. Measrs. H. T. and J. T. Westerman, editors

and proprietors of that heway and metropoli-tan sheet, the Lincoln News, together with Mr. H. T. Dobbins, the sporting editor, watched last Sunday's game at St. Charles park from the grand stand. Goodenough, who floored a barber with

a chair in a Tenth street shop to this city four years ago when, with St. Paul, had a rough and tumble fight in the streets at Grand Rapids the other day with Catcher Spies and was badly done up. The insubordination of such splendid players as Lingsford and Fear has been a

matter of simost universal regret. Both were great favorites, and the fana are loth to give them up. That they will both be to give them up. That they will both be placed on the blacklist is a forgone con-Sioux City has not patronized its club to

any extent this season, and there is talk of dropping the Corn Huskers from the West-ern next season,—Times-Star. You don't know the Sioux City people. They can stand a bigger loss with better grace than any community in the west. The indifferent work of Freddy Clausen

in last Wednesday's game at the Charles street park was caused by the reception of the news just before play began that his 10-year-old brother was dead. He died at his home in Milwaukce early in August, but this was the first intelligence Fred had re-ceived of his sad bereavement.

Al C. Buckenberger is no longer manager of the Pittsburgs. He was dethroned last week and Connie Mack temporarily installed Manager Waikins, now of Sloux City, will have charge of the Pittsburgs next season. Ren Mulford of the Cincinnati Times-Star continues to get up the brightest and snap-plest base ball department in the country.

From the day that Tom Lovett joined the Provid nee team, after being released by Boston, that team went to the front in the Eastern league and has stayed there, with the prospect of winning the championship. Lovett helped the Brooklyn club to win tw championships, and now promises to be the

Manager Al Buckenberger has put on th manager Al Buckenberger has put on the robes of prophecy. He is sure that neither Baltimore nor Poston is in the race this year at all for the pennant. Said he the other evening: "New York will win the pennant beyond a doubt, or rather Rusie and Meekin will win it for them. The like of such pitching as has been done by these men has never before been seen, and they are improwing each day. They are cer-tainly the greatest pitchers on earth."

George H. Cumings, the deaf mute pitcher

who made a good record in Iowa and Ne-braska in 1890 and 1891, has just returned from the east, where he has been pitching in the Pennsylvania State league, and is now visiting relatives at Westside, Iowa. He I a good man and any team in need of a good pitcher, base runner and batter would do do by writing him at Westside.



is worth the reading, containing comments and information of value relative to the new costume which is attracting so much attention all over the civilized world. The Ganymede Wheel club is scheduled for Blair today by way of Omaha, leaving their club house in Council Bluffs at 7 o'clock

In a recent road race over in Illinois one of the starters, Thomas Lewis, covered the proscribed distance, six and one-half miles, in 34:15. The gentleman is a gay youngster of 68 summers. He felt no bad effects from

The rain of early Sunday morning made the roads just sticky enough to knock out the scheduled club runs. The Tourists did not go to Irvington as advertised but held in impromptu run to Courtland beach in the afternoon.

Captain Walker asks all members of th tours this month and next to help swell the Bring along your cycling club mileage. friends and acquaintances. Don't miss the nnual club century on the fast Sunday this month.

OMAHA, Sept. 6 .- 'Cycle Editor of The Bee: Discussion always accompanies the advent of new ideas, especially those which vary from the usual to quite an extent. The new ladies' 'cycling suits may be repulsive and ridiculous, or refined and tasty, according as they are made.

The American League of Racing Cyclists in order to protect itself, and at the same adopted the rule to suspend all racing mer and teams who enter at race meets and to appear or serve proper notice that they will not ride. This is a move in the righ

Next Sunday the Ganymede Wheel club boys will take their annual spin to Sioux City, Ia., distance 116 miles, Captain Wil-liamson feels confident that he will take more men through this year than on the last occasion. Several Omaha cyclists have signified their intention of accompanying the

centurions. The Kearney Cycle club of Kearney, Neb. will give a big meet on September 19 and 20. Valuation of prize list, \$2,500. Twenty races on the program, ten in class A and ten in class B. All the western "flyers" will enter and the gentlemen in charge of the meet will strain every nerve to make the two days

meet a great success. A. H. Brown, Mrs. Brown and Miss Alice Gaust, cyclists of Pueblo, recently toured from Pueblo to Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou, covering 284 miles on their wheels. The longest day's run was seventy five miles, and the ladies felt no fatiguwhatever. They wore comfortable blooms suits, the new national costume.

A Denver fournal in commenting on the late meet and the numerous visitors says: "Dress reform received quite a boom here during the meet and a great many comfortable and attractive suits could be seen among the wheelwomen. If all the new costumes were as neat and becoming as some of those worn here the last vestige of preju dice would be swept away by a mighty tide of popular approval."

The Cycling West, published in Denver the far east, as follows: "Despite the ab-sence of most of the officials of the Leaguof American Wheelmen, considerable rant-ing in eastern papirs and a little dissatis-faction expressed by the president at not being able to appoint the officials, the Denver meet will pass into history as the great est since the foundation of the league. A New England meet it was a failure. A national affair, it was a grand success

Sarcasm well put, ch? Things that are in themselves acknowl edged to be sensible and correct when prop erly made, always have to suffer in the eyes of the public because of mismade and untrue imitations, which are resorted to in to accomplish difference and individuality, and even especial notice, Gay colors and awkwardness attract quickest, but neatness and taste leave more permanent and favorable impressions. There are con-ceded to be two sensible and modest modes of attirement for our sister 'cyclists. Quite preferable the soft colored suit consisting of waist neatly made, with sleeves loosely pleated at shoulder to match pleats in the pleated at shoulder to match pleats in the skirt, bloomer trousers, not too large, reach-ing just below the knee, where they merge into leather leggings which should match the suit as nearly as possible. A short skirt to the top of the leggins leaves un-warranted the claim of immodesty. A wide belt and cap of the goods, and gloves, shoes and textine silks set of the combination and and leggins alike set off the combination, and the universal comment (aside from those who delight in unkind criticism) is that the desired ends, viz., comfort, safety, refinement and modesty are accomplished in the mode of 'cycle dress.

The "big cracks" are all having a try at

of Chicago for the record. The slab is worth over \$500 in crude gold alone, to say nothing of the wast amount of skilled labor that has been expended upon it. It goes to the holder of the unpaced mile record at the end of this season. Senger of "Schlitzville" started the ball rolling by establishing the record at 2:11 1-5. This was in time cut down several seconds until Harry Tyler succeeded in placing the figures at 2:07 2-5 on August 27. He also lowered unpaced records for quarter and half. Time for quarter, :26 3-5; baif, :56 4-5. the world's record for the mile on a bicycle as it is the only true manner of judging wha a man can do. The unpaced mile leaves him his own general and judge. He has no one to pull him along or screen him from the wind. What he does he does atone.

The other, while not conceded to be s popular, yet quite as comfortable, is the earefully made divided skirt of dull, soft shade. No description need be given. It any suit loudness should be avoided. Bright colors or contrasts are very noticeable, and usually worn by those whose grace does not instify the attention they attract pearance and perseverance in the cause will do most to overcome the as yet only par-tially historical prejudice against ladies riding 'cycles, and this much less important innovation, the new and proper, sufe and sensible costume for ladies a-wheel, COMMON SENSE.

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large beams 6x3 inches, two of them 16 fee and one 6 feet in length. Mortise the short beam on top of the long ones, and set the frame in the ground. Sink it about three feet, and run guy wires from the top, or else use wooden props, in order that there shall be no oscillation. Upon this frame the several appliances are fixed. The most important of these is the HORIZONTAL BAR.

First, a tall frame is erected. Get three

There is, probably, in your neighborhood There is, probably, in your neighborhood a turning lathe. If so, you can get a seasoned hickory bar turned in a few minutes for 75 cents. It should be about 1½ inches in diameter and 6 feet long. If you cannot get one turned, a carpenter will how and draw one out for you. About two inches at each end of the bar should be left square, the roundness tapering off from the squareness. Before using the bar should be well ness. Before using the bar should be well sandpapered in order to make it as smooth as possible. This bar fits in the frame betwich the two upright beams. To make it adjustable to different heights and removable in a few seconds' time several corre-sponding holes must be cut into each of the uprights. In one of the uprights cut five sponding holds must be cut into each of the uprights. In one of the uprights cut five square holes just sufficient in size to admit the square end of the bar. Let the first hole be, say four feet from the ground, and the four others half a foot apart above it. They should be in the center (from right to left) of the unright and should so about left) of the upright, and should go about half way through. The holes in the other upright should be, instead of square, twice he length of the others, and from the tor part of each of them a little passage wide enough for the end of a bar to slip through should extend out to the edge of the upright. This device makes the bar easily removable

Next in importance to the har are th Next in importance to the bar are the rings, Get a pair of rings about five inches in diameter. If you prefer you can have them shaped like a stirrup. This shape is more comfortable for the hands. You can get a pair made by a blacksmith for 40 cents. These rings are suspended from the top beam to any height from the ground you may desire by two small ropes. In the top beam put two screw rings tlike those on a picture frame to which the cord is attached) and to these fasten the ropes. The ropes should be as small as possible, but very strong. It is a good idea to wrap the rings once or twice with narrow strips of flannel in order to save the hands. STRIKING BAG.

SWINGING RINGS.

This is an admirable contrivance for developing the muscles of the arm, chest and back, and to boys of a pugilistic tendency t stands unequaled among gymnasium ap The cheapest ready-made has pliances. be had is \$4, but a rubber foot ball of av-erage size, which can be bought in most small towns for \$1, answers all purposes. Encase it in a snug fitting cloth bag so that it can be fastened to the rope. If you can't get a football persuade your mother or sister to make you a canvas bag and fill it with the lightest material obtainable-cushion hair, excelsion or rags, if neces sary. It should be light enough for you to after a few days practice, be able, with a solid blow, to knock it ten feet in the air. This, like the rings, is suspended from the top beam with a small rope, coming to a height parallel to your shoulders. It is be in the center of the frame. CHEST WEIGHTS

Chest weights today take high rank among gymnasium appliances. They consti-tute one of the simplest and most beneficent forms of exercise known. The cheap est I have seen them catalogued at is \$6. I have given the most expensive ones an equal trial with the one I made, and the ter, in the good effect produced, does not suffer by comparison.

On the outer side of one of the uprights nail (mortise in) a strong board three or four inches wide and two and one-half feet long. It should be at a beight level with the shoulders. Near each end of this crossbar place a strong, small pulley wheel (which can be procured at any hardware store for 75 cents per pair). Get two pieces of rope (size of the other ropes mentioned), each piece longer by a third than the distance from the ground to the pulley wheel. On one end of these ropes weights are attached. The kind, so they are equal, is immaterial. I used two small tin buckets filled with pebbles. Then run the ropes up through the wheels, letting the ends hang about a foot below the wheels. To To these ends attach small stirrup-shaped rings, as suggested for the swinging rings, except smaller. Of course you are to guage the

weights to your strength.
I would suggest now that you get an old, vorn out mattress and put it under your rame. This will perhaps save you from frame. some hard falls. Drive a large nail in each of the uprights to hang the rings and striking bags on

I think that by a careful study of the

when they are not in use.

foregoing directions you can construct in your yard a gymnasium that will do you a lifetime of good, that will give you many hours of pleasurable recreation and (as you will see from detailed statement below) at

Total\$8 00 In an article next Sunday I will give de tailed information about the simplest exercises for the several appliances herewith Questions and Answers.

PERRY, Ia., Sept. 6.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please say in next Sunday's Bee whether or not a batsman is entitled to his base if hit by a ball from pitcher that he strikes at on the first or second strike and how does it affect other base runners? Is it a dead ball? The rules do not define it clearly to some people.—C. H. Draper. do not den H. Draper. H. Drapet.

Ans.—It is a strike, but does not affect other runners as in case of being hit by ball on third strike, when base runners must return to their bases.

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STROMSBURG, Neb., Sept. 5.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Two partners, A and B, go into a store. A picks up a dice box with five dice in, turns it upside down and says to B. "I bet there are three aces," and B takes the bet. A lifts up the box and finds only one ace turned up. Who wins the bet? Nothing was said how the aces

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Ans.—Send 25 cents and 2-cent stamp to Richard K. Fox, Police Gazette, New York. He will forward rules to you. There is but one copy in The Bee office.

MINNEAPOLIS Sent. 4.—To the Sporting

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 4.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state in Sun-day's sporting query column the address of Bob Turner, bookmaker, and oblige.—R. L.

Ans.-Turner is in this city, but leaves for Ans.—Turner is in this city, but leaves for Minneapolis this evening.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 4.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: If possible will you give me the address of the owner of a good pointer which can be bought?—R. T. Holmes. Ans.-Address W. J. Cusick, 1810 Grace

Ans.—Address W. J. Cusick, low drace street, this city.

LITTLE SIOUX, Ia., Sept. 5.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Here is a question in baseball I would like to have answered in the sporting columns of The Omaha Sunday Bee: A game of ball was matched for a 550 purse, \$25 a side. At the end of nine innings the score was a tie. They played the tenth and it resulted the same way. In the first half of the eleventh one score was made by the visiting club and in the last half one was made by the home club on a block ball. Visiting club got mad, claiming it was not a block ball. After the decision of the umpire had been made in the field, there being two umpires, the other umpire, who was umpiring balls and strikes, called the men to play. The visiting club failing to respond in five minutes, he gave the game to the home club 9 to 0. Who takes the money?—B. O. E.

Ans.—Everything goes with the umpire's decision, and it seems both concurred in this one. street, this city.

SILVER CITY, Ia. Sept. 7.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In target shooting A shoots inside ring; B shoots a half bell. Who wins?—D. Halnes. Ans.-What is a half bell?

SINCE AUGUST, 'NINETY-THREE.

Cincinnati Commercial.

Now backward, turn backward, insatiate old Time. Just pause in thy flight and attend to my Move slowly, more slowly; there's no need of haste. The time that you save you may find goes

Now, there! That is better; now come, let A glance at the time you have saved in the past;
Just turn your eyes yonder on Washington,
D. C., The calendar reads August 7, '93, First pause and reflect and your memory

will say-That congress convened just a year from today. The hands of the great senate clock marks the hour, When full sway was assumed by the party Now, forward, grim Time, let us traverse the way the way O'er which congress has passed since a year from today. The tariff, free silver, and labor's fair cause Were all promised the aid of congressional laws.

But day after day since congress first met, The recreant members have quarreled an fret. Wasted weeks grown to months till a year they have striven, To devise that relief which they never have Now, come, Father Time, you alone are to blame,

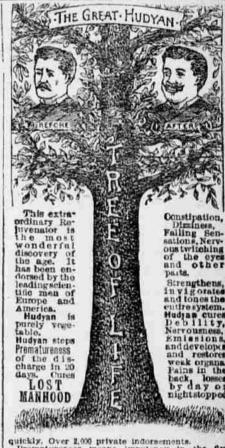
You tarnish the gilt on each congressman's name. In your mighty flight pause, fold your wings and stand still, Just to give them a chance to agree on a bill.

What matter, the sources of labor have failed.
That riots and strikes and distress have prevailed;
What matters with sadness the people remember The promises made them a year last No-vember?

These twelve golden months have sped swiftly away. And ruin now reigns where prosperity held sway.

Though patient we are, we have still one great fear.

That congress might stay for another whole year.

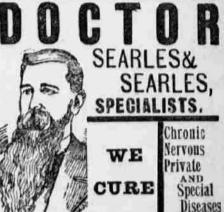


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